SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

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Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority – Galli Basson

Applicant's Agent: Rincon Consultants, Inc. – Colby J. Boggs

Project Name: Pond Management and Enhancement at Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space

Preserve

Receiving Water: Los Osos Creek and Warden Creek

City/County: Morgan Hill / Santa Clara

Public Notice: May 7, 2021 - May 28, 2021

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance habitat for the California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, and western pond turtle by restoring three ponds.

The proposed project activities include:

- Installing an 8-inch drain on the floor of the pond;
- Installing two 24-inch overflow high density ethylene pipes;
- Placing rock slope protection around the outflow pipes;
- Installing three stilling basins that are descending in elevation;
- Installing partially submerged basking logs;
- Dewatering one pond temporarily prior to work;
- Placing compacted soil fill on the western side of the berm;
- Constructing a new rock outfall spillway;
- Increasing the size of one pond; and
- Adding an exclusion fence.

No mitigation is proposed.

This project is exempt from CEQA.